पब्लिक कॉल आफिसों का खोला जाना

114. **श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरसंचार विभाग ने देश के ग्रामीण अंचल में आवासीय क्षेत्रों में प्रत्येक 5 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर एक पब्लिक कॉल आफिस खोलने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश में इस स्कीम के अधीन खोले जाने वाले ऐसे पब्लिक कॉल आफिसों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ग) इस स्कीम के कार्यान्वियन के लिए कुल कितनी धनराशि की आवश्यकता होगी और सरकार इस स्कीम को कब तक पूरी करने का विचार रखती है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) दूरसंचार विभाग की 5 कि० मीटर भुजा वाले प्रत्येक बसे हुए षटभुजाकार वाले क्षेत्र में पूर्ण आर्थिक सहायता देकर दूरसंचार सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने की योजना है ।

(ख) (i) देश में बसे हुए षटभुजाकार क्षेत्रों की कुल संख्या 50280 है । 31-3-88 की स्थिति के अनुसार 27,815 षटभुजाकार क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सुविधा उपलब्ध करा दी गई है ।

(ii) 22,465 षटकोणों में लम्बी दूरी के सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन लगाएं जाएंगे ।

(ग) (i) मार्च, 1995 तक सभी बसे हुए षटभुजाकार क्षेत्रों में लम्बी दरी के सार्वजनिक टैलीफोनों की व्यवस्था सबंधी कार्य पूरा करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

(ii) इस कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए 360 करोड़ रुपये के खर्च की आवश्यकता है ।

Purchase, of Stoves/Burners at the time of releasing New Connections.

115. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in violation of the directions on the subject, the LPG distributors continue to force the new customers to purchase stoves/ burners at the time of the release of new LPG connection;

(b) what monitoring system has been devised to check this practice; and

(c) what deterrent/penal action is postulated against the recalcitrant dealers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Complaints received against LPG distributors about their pressurising new allottees of LPG connections to purchase gas stoves/burners are investigated and customers' grievances redressed. All distributors are required to prominently display a notice in their showrooms that it is not obligatory for a consumer to purchase stoves/burners from the distributor releasing the connection. Action against erring distributors is taken in line with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Work on Haldia Petrochemical Complex

116. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Haldia Petrochemical Complex in West Bengal has since been cleared by Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the projects and by when the work on the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The letter of intent and approvals of foreign collaboration have been given.

Gas based Thermal Plants by NFPC

117. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be *pleased to state:*

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has undertaken to set up gas based thermal plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation are implementing three gas-based Combined Cycle power projects at Kawas in Gujart (600 MW), Auraiya in U.P. (600 MW) and Anta in Rajasthan (430 MW), at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,200 crores. The first gas turbine units of the projects are scheduled to be commissioned in 24 months from the dates of placement of orders for main plant and equipment and the remaining units at intervals of two months each thereafter. The first steam turbine units are scheduled for commissioning 36 months after placement of orders and the subsequent units at intervals of four months each thereafter.

Pending Power Projects of Punjab

118. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the various propsals of Punjab State pending with the centre for augmentation of power supply in the State; and

(b) what action has been taken in respect of each of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The details of the power generation schemes of Punjab State pending approval are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) Approval of projects for execution depends upon the comprehensiveness of the project reports, expeditious response of the project authorities to the various comments/observations of the Central Electricty Authority/Central Water Commission, availability of requisite clearances/inputs and the rlative priority accorded to the projects by the State Government in terms of allocation of funds. The State Government has to obtain the various clearances, reply to the various comments and arrange funds for these projects before these can be santioned.

Statement

Details of power generation schemes of Punjab State pending approval

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
A.	*Projects awaiting Investment approval of Planning Commission.*	
1	Shahpurkandi HEP	2x47
2	Guru Nanak Dev (Bhatinda) TPS Extn.	2x210
3	Ropar TPS St. III	2x210
4	Mukerian HEP	6x15 + 6x19.5
5	SYL (H)	2x18+2x7